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MEMORANDUM FOR: Director of Central Intelligence
THROUGH: Deputy Director of Central Intelligence
FROM: Herbert E. Hetu
Director of Public Affairs
SUBJECT: National Historical Intelligence Museum

1. Action Requested: Your approval for the Public Affairs Office to develop ~~some~~ options ~~pursuant to your taking a position~~ on the establishment of an Intelligence Museum.

2. Background: Periodically over the past several years the Agency has been approached on its position on the establishment of an Intelligence Museum. The most persistent advocate of this idea is the National Intelligence Study Center (NISC) and its predecessor committees. Ray Cline is the President of the Center, which is something of an offshoot of the Georgetown Center for Strategic and International Studies. Various other groups and individuals have from time to time also broached the subject.

The one ingredient that has always been lacking is an Agency position -- be it supportive, neutral or negative. Agency management considered a proposal in early 1976, but no position was ever formulated.

Now that the NISC has resurfaced the proposal, it may be time for the Agency to take a good look at this subject, neither as an advocate nor as an opponent, but with the view of developing a position. The objective would be to consider the need, the desirability, the support for and the problems associated with such a project, and to develop a set of options for your consideration on such issues as the scope, Community involvement, cost, financing, location, resources, etc. The cost for researching the subject would be minimal since "outsiders" would do most of the work. It is anticipated that about 3 months would be required to develop the options.

3. Recommendation: That you approve the Public Affairs Office undertaking the development of a set of options pursuant to the formulation of an Agency position on the establishment of an Historical Intelligence Museum.

Herbert E. Hetu

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Director of Central Intelligence

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Director of Central Intelligence

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